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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA AT ANCHORAGE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA for the use of NORTH STAR TERMINAL & STEVEDORE COMPANY, d/b/a NORTHERN STEVEDORING & HANDLING, and NORTH STAR TERMINAL & STEVEDORE COMPANY, d/b/a NORTHERN STEVEDORING & HANDLING, on its own behalf,

Plaintiffs.

and

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA for the use of SHORESIDE PETROLEUM, INC., d/b/a MARATHON FUEL SERVICE, and SHORESIDE PETROLEUM, INC., d/b/a MARATHON FUEL SERVICE, on its own behalf,

Intervening Plaintiffs,

and

METCO, INC.,

Intervening Plaintiff,

VS.

NUGGET CONSTRUCTION. INC.: SPENCER ROCK PRODUCTS, INC.; UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY; and ROBERT A. LAPORE,

Defendants.

No. 3:98-cv-9 (TMB)

MOTION FOR CLIENT TELEPHONIC PARTICIPATION AT STATUS HEARING

COMES NOW the Defendant, United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company (hereinafter "USF&G"), by and through its counsel of record, Barokas Martin & Tomlinson, and herein moves the Court allow Ms. Janice Smith, Senior Bond Claim Counsel from Baltimore, Maryland, to participate telephonically at the Status Hearing scheduled for August 17, 2006. This Motion is supported by Affidavit of Counsel.

Dated this 6th day of July, 2006.

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